
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Executive Officer

FROM:

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SUBJECT: AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR TERMINATION OF
ENROLLMENT

Landowners and operators of irrigated lands that discharge or have the potential to discharge waste that could directly or indirectly reach waters of the State and affect the quality of any surface water or groundwater must seek authorization to discharge under Order No. R3-2012-0011, Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands (2012 Agricultural Order) by submitting a completed electronic Notice of Intent (eNOI) form to the Central Coast Water Board.

This memo is to recommend that the Executive Officer terminate enrollment for 69 individual farming operations that have failed to submit an eNOI. Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program staff has determined that many of these operations are no longer in business. Termination effectively removes these farming operations from coverage under the 2012 Agricultural Order. Additional background information is provided below.

Requirement to Enroll in the 2004 and 2012 Agricultural Order

On July 9, 2004, the Central Coast Water Board adopted Order No. R3-2004-0117 establishing the first Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands (2004 Agricultural Order). Pursuant to the 2004 Agricultural Order, hundreds of farming operations, including those identified in Attachment 1 submitted a hard-copy Notice of Intent to enroll and seek authorization to discharge waste pursuant to Water Code section 13260. On November 15, 2010, the Central Coast Water Board Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) issued Water Code Section 13267 letters to operators who enrolled in the 2004 Agricultural Order, requiring them to submit an updated electronic Notice of Intent (eNOI).

On March 15, 2012, the Central Coast Water Board adopted the 2012 Agricultural Order, which also requires landowners and operators of irrigated lands to submit an eNOI. On April 24, 2012, the Central Coast Water Board Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) issued letters to all growers enrolled in the 2004 Agricultural Order of the requirements in the 2012 Agricultural Order, including the requirement to submit an updated eNOI. While a large percentage of enrolled irrigated acreage is represented by an eNOI in the Water Board's GeoTracker data

management system, there is still approximately 10,000 acres that individual growers previously enrolled prior to 2010, but still have not submitted an eNOI.

In cases of non-applicability or noncompliance, Condition #9 of the 2012 Agricultural Order provides authority to the Central Coast Water Board or the Executive Officer to terminate applicability of the Order with respect to an individual Discharger upon written notice to the Discharger. This memo recommends that the Executive Officer terminate enrollment for 69 individual farming operations that have failed to submit an eNOI, identified in Attachment 1.

Basis for Recommendation to Terminate Enrollment

As of October 2013, approximately 142 agricultural operations, representing approximately 10,000 acres submitted hard copy Notices of Intent prior to 2012, but have not complied with subsequent requirements to submit an eNOI. On at least two occasions, staff has attempted to provide written notice to the agricultural operations who have failed to submit an eNOI. In addition, staff has attempted, but has been unsuccessful, in contacting these growers using the telephone contact information they reported on the hard copy Notice of Intent.

Staff has further investigated the business status of these agricultural operations by reviewing Central Coast Water Board records, reviewing Central Coast Water Quality Preservation Inc. Accounts Receivable reports, querying the California Secretary of State Business database, and conducting informal Internet queries. Based on this evaluation, staff has concluded that the 69 agricultural operations identified in Attachment 1 are no longer in business.

Staff will share this information with Board Members at the December 5-6, 2013 Board Meeting. If Board Members or other interested parties provide information about any of the agricultural operations identified in Attachment 1, the Executive Officer can consider this information prior to termination. **If no additional information is received by January 16, 2014 to indicate that these agricultural operations should remain enrolled in the Agricultural Order, staff recommends that the Executive Officer terminate enrollment.**

Staff is evaluating additional follow-up necessary to address the remaining operations that are determined to be in business but have failed to submit an eNOI (approximately 73 operations, representing 4,376 acres).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at Angela.Schroeter@waterboards.ca.gov or Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program staff person Elaine Sahl at Elaine.Sahl@waterboards.ca.gov.

Attachment:

1. Agricultural Operations Recommended for Termination

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Attachment 1
AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR TERMINATION OF ENROLLMENT

	AW	Operation	Enrollee	Ranch	Ranch City	Acreage
1	AW4510	Allegresse Vineyards	Robert Goodwin	Allegresse Vineyards	San Miguel	13
2	AW1565	Arthur Manzoni Farms	Judy Guidotti	Art Manzoni Farms, Inc	Greenfield	250
3	AW3083	Blue Moon Organics	Greg Rawlings	770 Del Valle	Aptos	20
4	AW0915	C & A Citrus	Joseph Cavaletto	C & A citrus	Nipomo	60
5	AW3033	C B Farms	Carla Bucio	C.B farms	Santa Maria	160
6	AW1113	Cuesta Dulce Ranch	Lois Downs	Cuesta Dulce ranch	Paso Robles	11
7	AW3267	Diamante Vineyard	Greg Baldwin	Diamante Vineyard/Addamo Vineyard	Santa Maria	52
8	AW4540	Dos Robles vineyard	Susan Chiu	Dos Robles vineyard	Paso Robles	34
9	AW1081	Farrell Ranch	Thomas Farrell	Farrell Ranch	Nipomo	12
10	AW1593	Five Star Farms	Dean Moules	Angel ranch	Watsonville	40
11	AW3336	Gainey Morando	Maribel Alvarado	Gauney-Morando	Lompoc	50
12	AW1644	Garcia Farms	Enrique Garcia	Ryan Ruh	Salinas	270
13	AW3181	Hugo Diaz	Hugo Diaz	Hugo Diaz	Nipomo	10
14	AW1535	Jertberg Strawberries. Inc.	Gary Jertberg	Home	Watsonville	120
15	AW3086	La Bella Vineyards	Janice Bell & Kenneth Bell	Las Lomas Vineyard	Creston	14
16	AW3157	LA BUENA FARMS LLC	TAE SO	Boyd	Santa Maria	15
17	AW1789	La Sierra Farming	Rodolfo Contreras	Ranch 3 AgroJal	Santa Maria	22
18	AW2029	Marcelo Quintanar	Marcelo Quintanar	Sunrise	Santa Maria	37
19	AW1355	Maridon Ranch	Charles Maridon	Maridon ranch	Saratoga	6
20	AW3292	Martin's Farm	Martin Bournhonesque	Rural Development Center	Salinas	4
21	AW1169	Michael J Rovella, Trustee	Mike Rovella	Steve Rovella	Hollister	5
22	AW1184	Mill Road Orchard	Arthur Monahan	Mill rd. orchard	Paso Robles	20
23	AW1498	Mine Brothers	Gary Mine	Malatesta ranch	Watsonville	55
24	AW0464	Old School Cellars	Jeffrey Frey	Old School Cellars Vinyard	Ballard	4
25	AW4565	Peace Nursery	James Nagamine	Peace Nursery	Watsonville	5
26	AW0560	Peace Nursery/Nagamine	James Nagamine	051 191 22 lease to land	watsonville	10
27	AW1791	Poncho Rico Asparagus Growers	Kim Roth	Poncho rico asparagus growers	San Ardo	580
28	AW0821	Rafter L Ranch	Harold Robertson	Rafter L Ranch	Santa Margarita	110
29	AW1417	Rancho Dos Vaqueros	Jayme Gamble	Rancho dos Vaqueros	Santa Maria	131
30	AW3329	Rancho Santa Rosa	Maribel Alvarado	Rancho Santa Rosa	Lompoc	230
31	AW1772	Rio Mesa Salinas	Lupe Carranco	Alexander Borchard	Salinas	30
32	AW1905	Safi Farms	Armondo Sanchez	SaFi farm	Santa Maria	1
33	AW1883	Salyer American Fresh Foods	Rick Emmett	Sargenti 04	Salinas	126

	AW	Operation	Enrollee	Ranch	Ranch City	Acreage
34	AW0536	San Juan Gourmet Produce	Stephen Wyrick	Pride of San Juan	San Juan Bautista	2040
35	AW1338	San Martin Roses, Inc	Ruben Garcia	San Martin roses inc.	San Martin	3
36	AW3325	Santa Rosa Organic Farms	Amparo Martinez	San Juan Ranch	San Juan Bautista	8
37	AW2048	Santiago Renteria	Santiago Renteria	Kika's farms	Watsonville	36
38	AW2027	Sidronio Gomez	Sidronio Gomez	Sunrise - Bradley hill	Santa Maria	18
39	AW1925	Solis Winery Inc.	David Vanni	Solis Winery, Inc.	Gilroy	10
40	AW0669	Sterling Nursery	Phillip Soderman	Sterling Nursery Co.	Carpinteria	5
41	AW1763	Sugar Loaf Berries, Inc	Martin Ramirez	Sugar loaf berries inc.	Salinas	145
42	AW2026	Sunrise Flower	Olivia Gomez	Sunrise flower	Santa Maria	44
43	AW2054	Sunset Berry Farm Inc.	Emigdio Martinez	sunset berry farm	Watsonville	50
44	AW1360	Thompson and Widle	Tom Thompson	Thompson and Wilde	Santa Maria	50
45	AW4580	Thompson Vineyard	Christin Pace	Thompson	Los Alamos	42
46	AW2022	Vito Adragna	Vito Adragna Jr.	Adragna ranch	Gilroy	24
47	AW3350	Vogelzang Vineyards	Christine Pace	Vogelzang	Santa Ynez	80
48	AW1618		Jose Melgoza	Azevedo ranch	Watsonville	40
49	AW1160		Bernadino Sanchez	Bernadino Sanchez	Santa Maria	40
50	AW1742		Roberto Ruiz	Berry Farm	Santa Maria	10
51	AW1666		Genaro Ramirez	Braillan Ranch	Salinas	25
52	AW0566		Peter Cargasacchi	Cargasacchi	Lompoc	16
53	AW1954		Arturo Ledesma	Cervantes	Watsonville	6
54	AW4511		Robert Goodwin	Clove Hill Vineyard	San Miguel	9
55	AW0719			Cox-Ito	Reedley	235
56	AW1809		Juan Marquez	E and M Farms	Castroville	140
57	AW1077		Ray Kester	El Rincon Nursery	Carpinteria	10
58	AW1729		Amelia Perez	EPPS Ranch	Santa Maria	5
59	AW1829		Leonardo Vasquez	G & C	Salinas	60
60	AW1830		Elia Vasquez	Kirby ranch	Watsonville	67
61	AW1773		Ron Frudden	Lakeview vineyards	King City	80
62	AW1598		Ramon Medina	M&H flowers	Santa Cruz	16
63	AW1612		Jose Mendoza	muzzi, amaral, and old stage ranches	Salinas	180
64	AW1078		Dan Hoffman	Refugio Canyon Ranch	Goleta	125
65	AW1931		Russell Aldrich	Russell Aldrich	Paicines	10
66	AW1856		Arnulfo Sanchez	Sonn Rise	Santa Maria	12
67	AW1858		Autreberto Sanchez	Sunrise	Santa Maria	20
68	AW1797		Vidal Medina	vidal medina	Watsonville	8
69	AW1222		William Chow	William Chow nursery	Morgan Hill	2